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Portions before 1814

Courtland Hardware 101 S. Main Street Bel Air Private

As a county seat, Bel Air's population expanded considerably for the quarterly court sessions. As a result inns occupied strategic locations in Town. Until after World War I this building was an inn serving travelers and lawyers. The stone portion of the building was built before 1814. It is not known when the inn received its present size, but its wide double veranda offered relief from summer heat to several generations. It remained the property of the heirs of Bel Air merchant Thomas Hays until 1915, a period of 98 years. In 1918 F. Bond Boarman converted the hotel into a hardware store and gas station, in the process enclosing the veranda. As Courtland Hardware, it is still a Bel Air landmark.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This two and one half story frame and stone store, vaguely Colonial in design, is at 101 South Main Street near the courthouse in the Town of Bel Air, Harford County, Maryland. Like many other buildings in town it has changed over time in ways difficult to date precisely. A portion of the building listed on the 1798 tax list may be inside the present structure. A break in the roof in the north bay suggests that portion might have been built at another time. The one story 1798 building, 30' x 27', might be under the present skin, but no interior evidence was uncovered to prove this. The two story wing to the rear is the portion shown on the 1814 tax list. Despite its clapboard covering in the second story, that part of the structure is stone in both stories.

The front portion of the building is 2-1/2 stories, clapboard, with a shingle-covered gable roof pierced by 4 gable-roofed dormers evenly spaced. The enclosed porch is the result of a 1918 remodeling. The porch was extended and glassed in upstairs. Plate glass show windows were placed in the first floor. Previously the porch was open in the first floor, supported by plain ports, had a second-story balustrade, and a shed roof of tin. Today 4 large plate glass windows are topped by decorated transoms. A pair of glass and aluminum doors occupy the central bays. The small panes in the upstairs windows were added in the 1960's. In 1918 they had larger panes, 4/4 in the first bay. An adjustable green canvas awning shields the first floor show windows.

In the gable end of the main block a large show window and two double-hung sash window have been painted over in the first story. There are three evenly spaced 6/6 double-hung sash windows in the second story and two more in the half-story. To the north, along Courtland Street, a small stone wing (pre-1814) is at right angles to the main block. With a shingle-covered gable roof and clapboard cover over the second story, this is probably the oldest portion of the building. The east elevation of the ell holds the loading dock for the hardware store. The 1904 insurance map of Bel Air shows a one story porch around the south side of the ell and the east side of the main block. This porch has been enclosed. A one story concrete block ell has been added (1960's) perpendicular to the back of the main block at the southeast.

The interior of the building bears little resemblance to the interior of the old inn. The first floor is one large show room except for the old stone portion which is used for loading and storage. The partitions have been removed from the second story; some irregular storage occurs there. The small rooms in the half story above are still there along with the primitive wiring installed at the turn of the century.

While the exterior of Courtland Hardware could use some paint and the roof needs some work, this building has, by and large, retained the air of casual elegance it had during its long tenure as a hostelry.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The rear stone portion of Courtland Hardware is one of the few buildings remaining in Bel Air that was listed in the 1814 tax list. This lot, #34 in the original Town plat, had an inn on it from the earliest days to around 1920 when the present building was made into a The lot, being just across Main Street from the hardware store. Courthouse, was ideal for an inn because of the expansion of the population of Bel Air during Court days. The Town was also on the Post Road between Baltimore and Philadelphia. The 1798 tax list shows that Jason Moore, a prominent gentleman later to be the second president of the Harford Mutual Fire Insurance Company, owned lot #34. Structures valued at \$500 were already on the lot: a 30' x 27' one story wood house, a 15' x 18' kitchen, and a 20' x 15' stable. The size of the buildings and, more particularly, the size of the stable suggest that there was a public house on the lot then. The next tax list, that of 1814, shows the property as belonging to the heirs of Dr. Clendenen. The half-acre and its buildings were then valued at \$2000. On the lot were a two story stone house 27' x 18', a log house 18' x 29', a kitchen and stone stable 15' x 39'. These buildings were occupied as a "publick house". The stone portion mentioned is the ell on Courtland Street. The interior shows stone walls in both stories despite the present clapboard cover in the second story. A stable stood at the rear of the property until the 1960's and may have been in part this structure. It is possible that some portion of the buildings listed on the 1798 list are inside the present fabric of the building, but no evidence was noted during an interior inspection. The south wall of the basement shows a ruined fireplace in the chimney, indicating the possibility that some cooking may have been done in the basement of the present building, but an old photo shows the dining room as having been in the north end of the building.

It is not known when the building assumed its present shape. Dr. Clendenen's heirs sold lot #34, the inn, and more land amounting to 19 ½ a. to Thomas A. Hays in 1817 (1/19) for \$3100. Hays left the property to his daughter Elizabeth Jacobs. It remained in Jacobs hands until sold to John T. Hopkins in 1915 (150/153). In 1918, F. Bond Boarman converted the Grover Hotel into a hardware store and gas station, enlarging the porch, enclosing the second story portion to its present look and putting in plate glass shop windows. In 1919, Hopkins sold it to John A. Evans (166/184) for \$4000 and a mortgage of \$6000. F. Bond Boarman died suddenly of a heart attack in 1923, and Horace

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Harford County Land Records 1798 tax list 1814 tax list Bel Air Centennial Book

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Boarman, Sr., operated the business. Mr. Boarman bought the property in 1962 for \$6000 and a mortgage of \$6000 (171/183). After the death of Horace Boarman, Sr., the business became Courtland Hardware under the partnership of Horace Boarman, Jr., and W. Eugene Graybeal. In 1974, Mr. Boarman was replaced by James S. Kunkel.

Courtland Hardware

171/183 9 October 1962

John A. & Helen B. Evans

to

F. Bond Boarman Company

\$6000 and mortgage of \$6000

166/184 29 November 1919

John T. Hopkins & Laura V., wife

to

John A. Evans

\$4000 & \$6000 mortgage

150/153 30 **S**eptember 1915

Eva A. Jacobs & Frank H. Jacobs, executors of

Georgie Jacobs

to

John T. Hopkins

the larger lot

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Frank H. Jacobs and Elizabeth, wife; Alice M.

Quarles; and W. Shirley Bayley and Lucie, wife

to

Georgie, Eva and Rosa Jacobs

Granger's Hotel

by 1915 (see above) Georgie Jacobs and Rosa

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This property was part of the estate of Thomas Hays (will 7/256). He left it to his daughter

Elizabeth Jacobs and her children.

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Partial List of Inkeepers

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1874	W. Smithson Forwood - Granger's Hotel
1898	B. W. Romberger
1899	Laurence Forwood

Form 10-300 (Dec. 1968)

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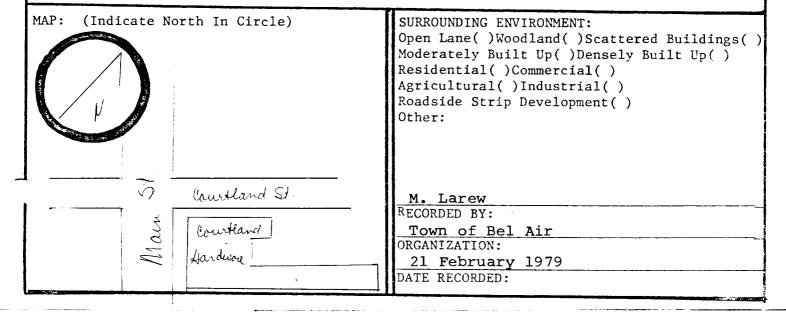
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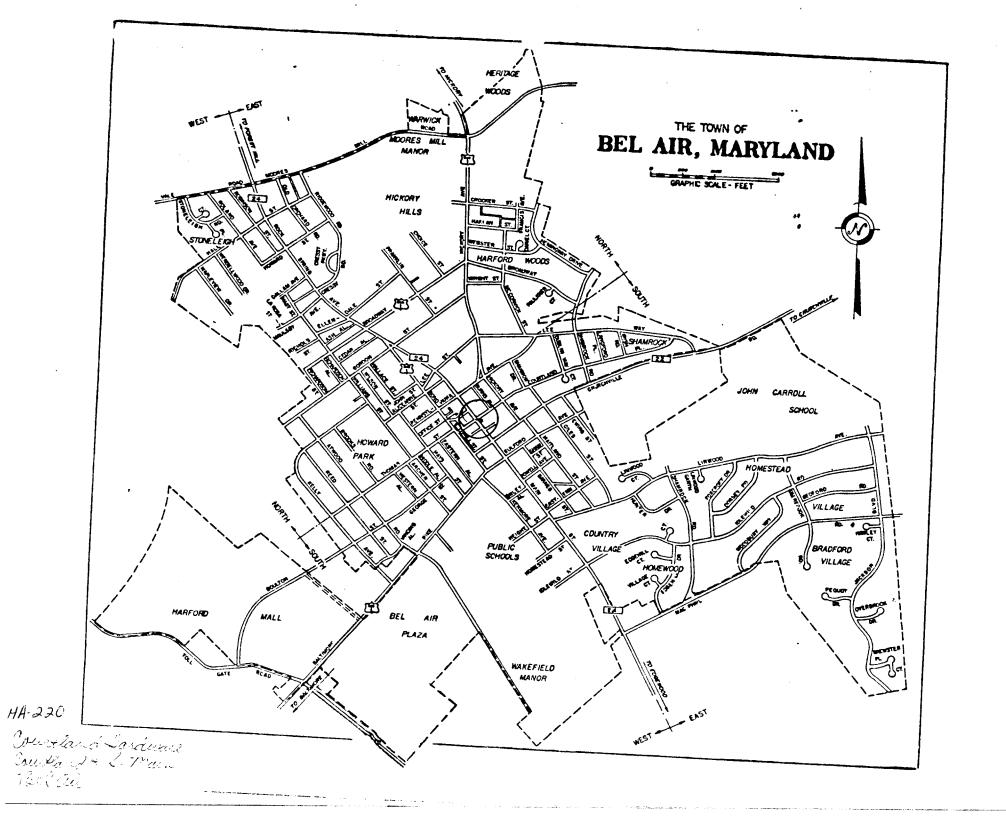
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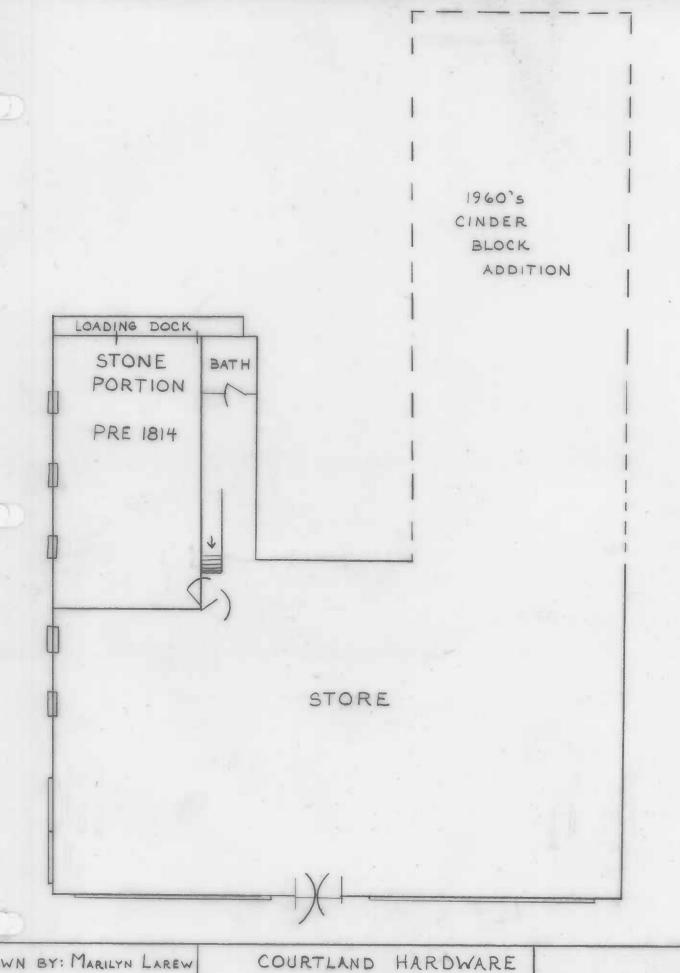
Stone portion of building pre-1814. Was an inn until 1918. Portion of the 1798 structure may be inside, although no architectural evidence was found. Reasonably well preserved (exterior) example of the inns that used to cluster around the courthouse. Has been a hardware store since 1918.

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1798, 1814 tax list. Land Records







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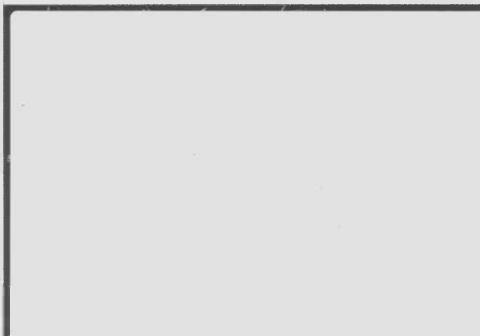
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